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Gains of 1934

During 1934 the Polish YMCA made very definite progress, some of the chief items of which were the following:

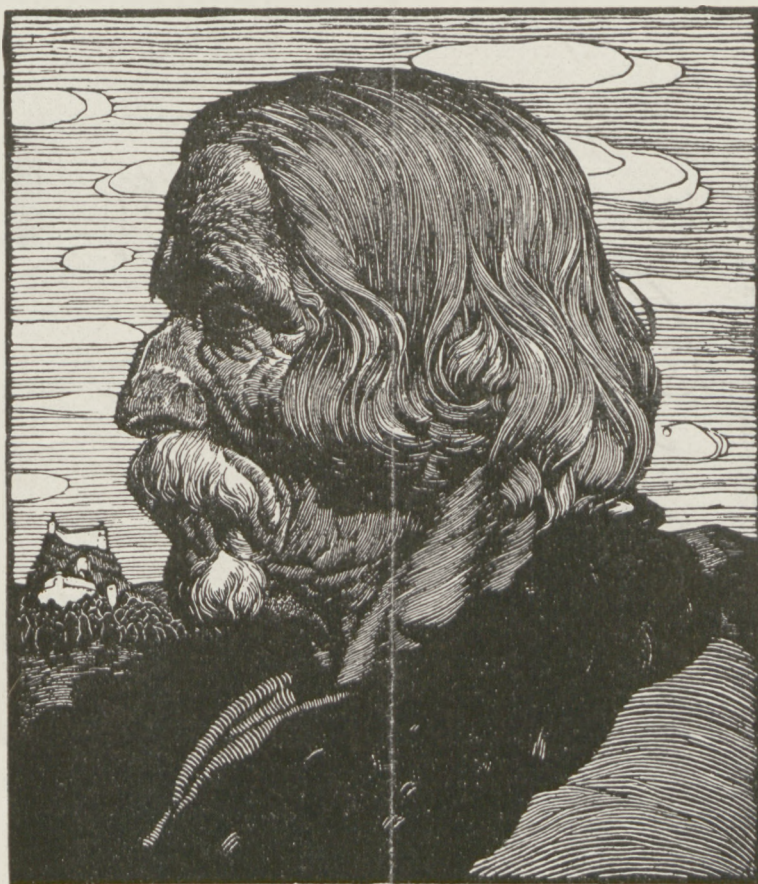
1. First section of the Lodz building enclosed and under roof. About 40% of the plant.
2. Second 25% of the interior of the Warsaw building finished and opened. Includes 80 dormitory rooms.
3. Work on the third 25% of the Warsaw interior ordered and begun, money raised.
4. New street to the Warsaw building improved.
5. Lodz camp on Pilica River built and paid for. \$8000.
6. Concrete swimming pool built in Mszana Dolna camp, 25 meters long.
7. Money raised and land secured for Krakow Association home for 40 poor boys.
8. Larger quarters secured for Gdynia Association.
9. Permanent full-time secretary for Gdynia and Poznan.
10. National Council Headquarters moved to own rooms in Warsaw building.
11. Warsaw Y membership grows from 1011 to 1609 men and boys, and from 178 to 327 women.
12. Daily attendance at Warsaw Y doubled, reaching 800 on normal days.
13. Krakow dormitory problem solved. Vacant rooms now rare in the dormitory of 109 bed capacity.
14. Krakow kajak boathouse built, 50 boat capacity.
15. Poznan Y lifted to new level by reorganization of the board of directors with additional influential men.
16. Successful finance and membership campaigns in all five cities have reinforced the morale of the whole organization, demonstrating strong backing and giving spirit for the work of 1935.

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The Warsaw Y IN DECEMBER

Membership, Central, men and boys	1230
Members., Central, women	327
Working Boys' Branch	379
Total	1936
Normal daily attendance at Central	665 to 868
In educational classes, Central	296
In gymnasium classes	654
Members in 36 other groups and clubs	622



Profile of a Mountaineer, by Skoczylas.

Władysław Skoczylas

The whole of one of Warsaw's large art museums is at this writing devoted to an exhibition of the work of Władysław Skoczylas, a Polish artist of creative genius who died during 1934. While he did excellent work in several fields he will be remembered chiefly for his woodcuts and his adaptation of the materials of the life of the Zakopane mountaineers, Guralas as they are called, to artistic purposes. His strong lines, bold compositions, and poetic yet true use of ideas and events from Gural life, history, and tradition, have marked him as a real creator in art and the founder of a style as well as the sponsor of a whole new field of artistic materials.

We here print woodcuts in two of his chief manners; the head is so fine that we enclose an extra copy of it as an art supplement.



Rural Wedding, by Skoczylas.

"POLAND"

An English college professor, Eric J. Patterson, M. A. Cambridge, has recently contributed a useful little book to the growing literature on Poland. The title is as quoted above, it is published by Arrowsmith of London as one of the Modern States Series, and it costs 3/6d. It is unusually accurate for a book by a foreigner. The chief character of its 145 pages is that of a condensed historic and political review, with the necessary economic material to give one a picture of Poland's resources. Mr. Patterson attempts to give both sides of controversial questions a fair statement, though it appears that his studies of that country have led him to favor Poland in international controversies and the policies of Marshal Pilsudski in internal matters. What one misses from the book are sections or chapters on Polish culture and customs and life. But one must not expect everything in 145 pages.

Three quotations from the closing section indicate Mr. Patterson's general position.

"The economic reconstruction of Poland has astonished even its friends, while it has dumbfounded its enemies and made them take stock anew of the Polish situation".

"For the position of Poland in the world today is stronger than at any time since its rebirth, and this strength is due at the same time to its policy of peace and its sense of the realities of the international comity of nations".

"When the historian contrasts the position of Poland as it exists in 1934 with what it was in 1920 he cannot but be struck both with the economic development and the growth of moral stability. He sees the devastation of the War made good, the country strengthened internally and in its external relations; the works of reconstruction in the economic sphere; Gdynia; the new Warsaw; the new Government buildings, especially that of the Ministry of Education; the progress of the Universities and the part played by the oldest of them all, that of Cracow; the great work done in the matter of hygiene; the marvellous attention now given to physical culture and the great establishments for its teaching".

An American Flag

The Polish YMCA greatly needs a large American flag, say 10 feet by 6 feet, and one 6 feet by 4 feet. Aside from the one at the Embassy there seems to be not one large American flag in Warsaw in good condition for indoor use.

New Warsaw Paper

An English language newspaper, "The Warsaw Weekly", has been launched here by an experienced English journalist and an American teacher, both long resident in Poland. It will deal with political, economic, social and educational matters in an impartial but constructive manner. The address is "Warsaw Weekly", Mokotowska 12/4; the price is \$1 or 4/- a quarter.

